Maharashtra for the remaining period of Eighth Plan period has been finalised by Government;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when Government propose to finalise the allocation to enable the State to decide its priorites?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) to (d) The major rural development programmes being implemented by the Central Government in various States including Maharashtra are (i) Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), (ii) Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), (iii) Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) and (iv) Accelearated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). The allocation of funds for various States including Maharashtra for these Programmes for the remaining period of the 8th Plan has not been finalised so far. This will be finalised after Annual Plan outly for 1996-97 is decided by the Planning Commisssion.

Re-emergence of Tuberculosis

1104. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of re-emergance fo tuberculosis;

(b) if so, the causes of re-emergence thereof; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to check the re-emergence if T.B.?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) to (c) The statistics about the number of TB cases reported during the last three years reveals that there is no re-emergence of the disease.

The National Tuberculosis Control Programme launched by the Government in 1962 has succeeded in reducing the mortality rate. Childhood TB and serious form of Tuberculosis in adults are on the decline. The efforts being made to combat the disease are by expending the National Tuberculosis Control Programme and through its effective implementatibn. A revised strategy to detect TB cases through quality microsocony and to achieve 85% cure rate among the sputum positive cases and Directly Observed Therepy (DOT) of more effective short-course chemotherapy is being tested in selected project-areas in five districts and ten cities.

Auction of Railway Properties

1105. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the southern Railway has decided to auction the Railway properties including the premises of Railay Station at Ranipet;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there have been objections and agitation among the public;

(d) if so, what are the reactions of Government thereto; and

(e) the Railway Station in Southern Railway going to be closed and auctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) No. Sir;

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) There is no such proposal.

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1106. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) हिमाचल प्रदेश में रोहतांग दर्रे पर प्रस्तावित सुरंग के निर्माण की अद्यतन स्थिति क्या है;

(ख) गत वर्ष सर्वेक्षण/संपर्क सड़कों के निर्माण पर कितनी धनराशि खर्च की गई; और

(ग) प्रस्तावित सुरंग के दोनों ओर कितने-कितने किलोमीटर पर संपर्क सड़कों का निर्माण किया गया है?